



PEOPLE AND PLACES

Wanted — A Helping Hand with “Highlands” History

I am currently researching for my late father’s memoirs, and was wondering if there were any local residents who might remember some details about life in the district during the second world war.

My father, a young Englishman, together with his newly pregnant wife, purchased a 500 acre Crown Allotment known as “Highlands” in 1938.

His name was Henry Mosely, his wife was known as Phyl.

Their first daughter, Sally was born in December that year. I was born early in 1941 and named Mardi Louise. My younger sister, Joanna Pym, arrived in June 1944.

Unfortunately, as schooling seemed to be a bit problematic, the farm was sold sometime in 1946, and as a family we moved down to Officer, where my father was able to get full time employment working on a quite large farm.

I am now nearing 75 years of age, and have lived in Western Australia since I was twenty, so only have very, very sketchy, disconnected memories of this stage of my life, such as:

* Our home was also the post office. A mailman would bring in a bag of mail at lunchtime from the Post Office in Seymour for my Dad to sort into bundles for later collection by other local families. The mailman also brought out goods from Seymour. On his return would take outgoing mail (in a wax sealed bag) and produce such as eggs, pumpkins and rabbit skins.

* A wonderful Christmas party at Habbie’s Howe with Santa high up in the pine tree in the back garden, and when a child’s name was called, they would go forward in excited anticipation to collect a present that had been tied to a rope and lowered from the heights of this big tree.

*Dad told me that he used to sit on the front verandah on stormy, summer days and watch lightning strikes start bush fires, and then head off with other neighbours to help control them.

He was only 29 when he left the district, so maybe he did not have time to leave behind much of an impression, but I would certainly like to hear from anyone who can flesh out any of the above details.

In particular, I would really like to know exactly where the farm was, (I assume somewhere between Highlands and Caveat) and how it came to be officially named “Highlands”

Kind Regards, (Mrs) Lu Standish (nee Mardi Mosely)



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READERS’ WRITES

*“Re your last issue and the unusual word ‘umbrageous’. It comes from the Latin ‘umbra’ meaning shadow and thence the old French ‘ombrageux’ meaning shy, suspicious or shady and hence you have the meanings
1/ trees which cast shadows
2 /suspicious people causing people to take offence as those with bad intent lurked in the shadow of trees .
It’s the shadows they found so scary!”*

Sue Driver--Highlands

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Provincial Precipitation

Month	Highlands	Ruffy
September	31.4mm	34.5mm
2015 Total	475.9mm	481.75mm
Rain Days	9	6

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FIRE SEASON ARRIVES EARLY

**We are all aware that Victoria is experiencing it’s earliest
ever start to the fire season.**

**The CFA is asking landholders to check the temperature of any heaps
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LOCAL GOINGS ON

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9.00AM – 5.00PM Both days

4455 Dropmore Road. Dropmore.

House is adjacent to the Woolshed Creek crossing.

All items will be marked at clearance price or free to be taken.

Items must be taken away by Sunday 5PM.

Please bring small notes as change may be difficult. Gold coins are fine.

Refrigerator. Microwave oven. Electric Kettle. Toaster. Double Bed. 2 Single beds. Mattresses. Blankets. Cupboards. Bookshelves. Books. Videos. TV. TV stand. Stereo player. Electric heaters. Chests of drawers. Bedside tables. Ironing board (folding). Pedestal Fan. Serving Trolley. Cane shelves. Coffee tables. Metal lockable coat locker. Stools. Timber corner drinks cabinet. 2 couches. 3 Arm chairs. Expanding Dining Table and 6 upholstered chairs. Assorted crockery. Assorted cutlery. Assorted glasses. Various pots and pans. Instant LPG gas water heater. Folding chairs. Plastic chairs. Plastic table. 2 Card tables. 4 stroke grass slasher. Electric bench saw. Assorted hand tools. Various fittings. There are too many sundry items to be listed. Best to come along and see.

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Have you thought about nominating them for an Australia Day award?

Nominations are open in the following categories:

- ◇ **Murrindindi Shire Citizen of the Year**
- ◇ **Murrindindi Shire Young Citizen of the Year**
- ◇ **Murrindindi Shire Community Event of the Year**

These awards provide all Murrindindi Shire residents with the opportunity to pay tribute to our outstanding local achievers.

Download a nomination form from the Murrindindi Shire Council website www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au, pick up an application form from any Council Office or call the Executive Assistant on 5772 0337



COMMUNITY SPRING WOOLSHED DANCE

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COMMUNITY "WHAT'S ON" CALENDAR OCT/NOV 2015

Friday 16th October 7:00pm	RUFFY HAPPY HOUR (or TWO!) "Come along and catch up with friends or meet someone new, everyone welcome!" BBQ provided BYO meat/drinks and a salad or sweet to share Contact Henry 5790 4246	Ruffy Community Hall, Nolans Road
Saturday 17th October 9am -1pm	EUROA VILLAGE FARMERS MARKET "Meet, Greet, Eat & Shop" A wonderful range of farm fresh produce from "local" producers. Contact Helen Brook 0456 723331 www.euroavillagefarmersmarket.org	Rotary Park, Kirkland Ave., Euroa
Saturday 17th October 6:30pm	COMMUNITY SPRING WOOLSHED DANCE All Welcome — Bring the whole Family — Bring some Friends — Music Food Fun Tickets \$25pp or \$20 before Sept 30th. Kids under 13 free ! For tickets contact Mel Bronca 0417 126 975 Judy Cameron 5796 9247 Cindy Hayes 0429 772 011	at Habbies Howe Woolshed 
Saturday 17th October 8:00pm Sunday 18th October 4:00pm	EUROA CINEMA "The Gift" 108 Mins (M) Drama/Suspense 3.5 stars Life is going well for young married couple Simon and Robyn, until a chance encounter with an acquaintance from Simon's high school sends their world into a tailspin. Simon doesn't recognize Gordo at first. A series of uninvited encounters and mysterious gifts prove troubling and a horrifying secret from the past is uncovered after more than 20 years. As Robyn learns the unsettling truth, she questions how well do we really know the people closest to us, and are past bygones ever really bygones? Starring Joel Edgerton with Jason Bateman. Cleverly written by Joel Edgerton in his directorial debut, this has all the mystery and suspense that diehards will enjoy	
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Thursday 29th October 6:30pm	SECRET MEN'S BUSINESS Come along and have a casual chat with other local blokes. BBQ Tea Provided (Gold Coin) BYO Drinks	Old Caveat Church, Caveat-Dropmore Rd, Caveat
Saturday 7th November 9am-2pm	YEA COUNTRY MARKET Showcasing local producers, growers and makers offering an array of stalls, the best in fresh local produce, arts and crafts, children's activities, play ground and skate park. Gold coin donation entry	Yea Railway Park, Station Street, Yea
 Saturday 7th November & Sunday 8th November 10am—5pm Both Days	ROTARY CLUB of YEA — OPEN GARDENS WEEKEND This is the 5 th year that we have held this event and as well as a major fundraiser for our Rotary club, it is a wonderful weekend. This year we have 11 gardens open with another, Abutilon, open by the Yea Garden Club with plant sales. We have 7 country gardens open this year. They are varied – one has its own wetlands area and is mostly native planting, another a large garden at Limestone, previously in the Australian Open Gardens, featuring old roses and mature trees. Our country gardens are amazing, different, and all the owners are hard at work to ensure a superb showing. The town gardens also range from a tiny apartment garden, a quirky garden, one with a lovely water feature etc. The gardens are planned as two separate country areas and a town offering. The cost is \$40 for the both days, all gardens or \$8.00 per individual country garden and \$5.00 for individual town gardens. Contact Marj Hamilton 0456 015551	
Friday 13th November 6:30pm	'DRINKS ON THE DECK' Bring food to share for a meal together and catch up with friends old and new. All welcome - especially new faces. Gold coin donation to cover power. Contact Judy Cameron 5796 9247	at Highlands Community Hall 